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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sue A. Weaver

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-20 and 22-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-10, 13-20, 22, 24 and 26-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 23 and 29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. Claims 23 and 29 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Applicants are advised that there doesn't appear to be any proper antecedent basis in claims 15 or 28 for "said body" claimed in claims 23 and 29. A body has not been set forth in these claims. Appropriate correction is required.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frey, cited by applicants.

The portion of the clip with the slot (f) of Frey is considered to define the back member of the body. The bent portion defines an arm having an upper end and a lower end and including a hook facing toward the back member at (c). Since B is an extension of the back member, the upper end of the clip is attached to the back member. Note that the shape of member c provides an upwardly directed catch which is engageable with the slot or opening at f, as claimed.

3. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada in view of either Goto or Kamiya, all of record.

. Applicants have argued that Yamada doesn't teach outwardly projecting ears extending from each side member. However, The extensions of the sides beyond members 2c extend outwardly from the side members away from the back and therefore do in fact define outwardly projecting ears on the side members. Admittedly Yamada may not provide a recess or opening in the lower end wall. However, such a recess is suggested by Goto in broken lines in Figure 2. Furthermore, Kamiya clearly

teaches the provision of an opening in the lower end wall as shown in Figure1 and also Figure 4 to aid in removing the device. Therefore to have merely included a recess or opening in the lower end wall to aid in removing the device would have been obvious in view of either Goto or Kamiya.

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 11 and 25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Applicant's arguments, see paragraphs 1 and 2 of page 11, paragraph 2 of page 12 and paragraph 1 of page 13 of the amendment, filed 11/24/03, with respect to the objection of claims 2-10, 13, 14 and 21 and the rejection of claims 12, 15-20, 22, and 24 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections and objection of the claims have been withdrawn.

6. Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 2-10, 13-20, 22, 24 and 26-28 are allowed.

8. Claims 23 and 29 would be allowed upon correction and claims 1 and 21 have been canceled.

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Benward and Goldman show other tool holders with mounting clips and a recess or opening in the lower end wall, as claimed.

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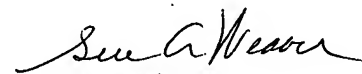
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— The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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